

How I Can Help You

You're always welcome to contact me including when:

You have a problem with a state agency.

Are you having difficulty getting an answer about a problem or concern of yours? Are people not returning your phone calls? We can work with you to solve your problem or address your concern. It's our job!

You have questions or comments about a bill.

To represent our district effectively, I need input from you about bills moving through the Legislature. If you'd like to learn more about a proposed law or issue you've read or heard about, please call us. We can send you bill summaries and information – whatever it takes to answer your question.

You have an idea for legislation.

Contact me when you have an idea for legislation. Ideas from citizens frequently make the best laws and the most sense.



You want to testify before a committee.

If you feel strongly about a bill or issue, please consider testifying before a legislative committee. Legislators welcome the opportunity to hear what people think. My office can alert you to hearing dates and help you prepare testimony.

You just need help.

If you need help with a problem, we'll do our best to assist you!

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37th Legislative District

How You Can Reach Me

I'm Eric Pettigrew, your new State Representative.

I ran for the legislature because I want to provide leadership and get results for all of us.

During the next two years, I will work hard on all of the issues that are important to the citizens of the 37th District: education, transportation, health care, jobs, affordable housing, and the environment. The 37th District deserves a strong voice in Olympia on these and other important issues.

I've been assigned to the following committees:

- Juvenile Justice & Family Law (Vice Chair)
- Children and Family Services
- Trade and Economic Development

I am serving on these committees because of my extensive work with children and families in need, my background as a social worker, and my economic development achievements (such as creating SAFECO's Jackson Street Center). With the help of my legislative assistant, Noah Purcell, who grew up in the 37th District, I will do my best to advocate for our community.

Please provide your input on legislation or other matters involving state government. Also, please alert me to community events happening in the 37th District. I will be happy to attend if my schedule allows.

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What I Am Working On

This year our state faces its worst budget deficit in 20 years. Despite our difficult financial times, I'm doing everything I can to bring people together across party lines and make progress on the issues that matter to the 37th District. Here is a list of some of the goals I am working on:

Building a world-class education system

Although the governor has proposed steep budget cuts for education, I'll be working this session to maintain our state's investment in schools. I am committed to building world-class schools that give every student a chance to succeed. One of the ways we hope to do this is by eliminating the supermajority requirement for school levy elections so that a simple majority has the power to approve school levies. I am co-sponsoring a bill to make this change.



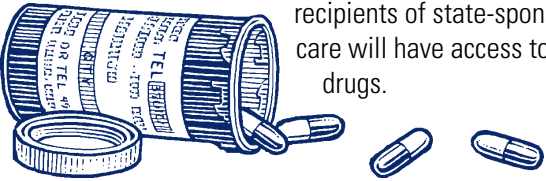
Promoting economic development and providing jobs

I'm introducing legislation to give a boost to our state's economy, particularly our urban neighborhoods that have been left out of the economic growth of recent years. The measure I'm promoting will encourage investment in parks and recreation facilities, roads, sidewalks, streetlights, and water and sewer systems in our community. These investments will, in turn, stimulate business activity, create jobs, and redevelop blighted areas.



Reducing the cost of prescription drugs

I'm also co-sponsoring a bill this session to reduce the cost of prescription drugs. The measure we've introduced will save money by allowing the state to create a list of preferred medicines, chosen by a panel of scientists, which are as effective as more expensive drugs. The reform will also allow the state to purchase drugs in bulk so that all recipients of state-sponsored health care will have access to lower cost drugs.



Strengthening families in our community

As a member of the Children & Family Services Committee, I'll be working on a wide range of legislation to help children and families prosper in our state. One of the major pieces of legislation that I'll be working on is a measure that I sponsored to assist kinship caregivers in raising children. Kinship care is the term used to describe families in which relatives other than a child's birth parents serve as primary caregivers for a child. I'll be working with the Department of Social & Health Services to make the state more responsive to the needs of these families.

